

**Amendment to the Specification:**

On page 2, before the first paragraph, after the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" and above the subheading "Field of the Invention", insert the following new paragraph (which repeats the priority claim included in page 1 of the applicant's declaration):

**Cross-Reference To Related Applications And Claim To Priority**

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of application no. 2001-039091, filed February 15, 2001 in Japan, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.